

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Bernie DeWald was born on the family farm in Hutchinson County, South Dakota, graduated from Tripp High School, and in December 1956, Bernie enlisted in the United States Army, serving with the 517th Military Police in Fort Ord, California, and the Panama Canal Zone, joining the National Guard upon his return to South Dakota; and,

Whereas, In 1960, following his graduation from Nettleton College in Sioux Falls, Bernie joined McKinney & Allen Insurance as an underwriter, commencing a remarkable 56 year career in the insurance industry, promoted from underwriter to sales, to President of McKinney Allen, Inc., now known as McKinney Olson, and currently serves as Chairman of the Board; and,

Whereas, Bernie and his wife, Rose, celebrate 52 years of marriage, and their children Wendy Jo and Jonathan have blessed them with three grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Bernie also celebrates his other passion by his undying commitment to sell Sioux Falls, where he serves in leadership roles for many non-profit organizations including the Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce, United Way, and Sioux Falls Sales and Marketing Executives (SME), and Bernie's recruitment of membership for SME has set records on an international level for the organization, and his commitments to these many organizations span over 50 years, making him a man of integrity, mentor, consummate professional, leading by example, and he is a true friend to many; and,

Whereas, Bernie, a deserving recipient of the South Dakota Sales and Marketing Executive of the Year Award for 2017, will receive this honor on February 28, 2017:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 28, 2017, as

BERNIE DEWALD DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State